Sl. No.	Category of road	Scope/Section of road	State	Tentative Length (km)
9	MDR	Improvement of Longleng-Changtongya	Nagaland	35
10	MDR	Improvement of Tamlu-Merangkong road	Nagaland	50
11	ODR	Improvement of Peren-Kohima road	Nagaland	96
			TOTAL	1002
1	GS road	Improvement of Gangtok-Mangam road	Sikkim	68
2	Alternative Highway	New alternative Highway from Melli to Rongpo on Sikkim side.	Sikkim	17
3	SH	Improvement of Gyalshing-Singtam road	Sikkim	80
4	SH	Improvement of Tarku-Namchi road	Sikkim	32
5	SH	Improvement of Namchi-Jorethang road	Sikkim	20
6	SH	Improvement of Legship-Jorethang road	Sikkim	26
7	SH	Improvement of Jorethang-Melli road	Sikkim	27
			TOTAL	270
1	NH-44	4 laning of NH 44 from Churaibari-Agartala to Sabroom	Tripura	330
2	NH-44	Four laning of NH-44 from Agartala City to Tripura university.	Tripura	15
3	NH-44A	Improvement of NH-44Ato double lane specification from Manu to Tripura/ Mizoram Border.	Tripura	110
4	NH-44	New two lane steel bridge on junction of Agartala Bypass with NH-44.	Tripura	-
5	MDR	Improvement fo Kailasahar-Kumarghat road	Tripura	26
			TOTAL	481
			GRAND TOTAL	6303

Development of roads in rural and hilly areas

4696. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry accords due priority to development of rural

and hilly areas in the country especially in the State of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to accord the status at National Highways to Shimla-Rohru and Rampur-Rohru roads at Himachal Pradesh; and

(c) whether it is a fact that if the status of National Highways is accorded this would result in huge benefits to the farmers in villages along these roads and development would also benefit as the areas along these roads hold great tourism potential?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING , ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) This Department is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways. The development of National Highways is taken up on a national perspective and is not based on the demographic or geographical status of different regions.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

NHs damaged in Rajasthan

†4697. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING , ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highways have been damaged in Rajasthan due to heavy rains in the State in the year, 2006;

(b) if so, the details of the damaged roads National Highway-wise;

(c) whether proposals for allocation of funds under flood relief works to repair said damaged roads have been sent by the State Government of Rajasthan; and

(d) the amount allocated by the Centre for repair of National Highways damaged due to flood in the State of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Due

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.